

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Wednesday, January 12, 2022**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Organizational Meeting	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Kauffman  
Vice Chairman Andrus  
Rep Boyle  
Rep Kerby  
Rep Giddings  
Rep Marshall  
Rep Nichols

Rep Hanks  
Rep Cannon  
Rep Moon  
Rep McCann  
Rep Toone  
Rep Ruchti  
Rep Mathias

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep(s). Boyle, Moon, and McCann

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Chairman Kauffman** welcomed the committee to the 2022 Legislative Session, introduced Committee Secretary **Jayne Feik**, recognized Committee Page, **Miles Mecham**, from Eagle, Idaho, and welcomed him to the committee.

**Rep. Mathias and Rep. Cannon** were assigned by **Chairman Kauffman** to serve as the committee proof readers for this session.

The Agricultural Committee will meet Friday, January 14, 2022, upon adjournment of the House Floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**8:15 am or Upon Adjournment**  
**Room EW42**  
**Friday, January 14, 2022**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
DOCKET NO.: <a href="#">02-0000-2100</a>	Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking - Proposed Rule	Lloyd Knight, Admin & Rules Coord Chanel Tewalt, Deputy Dir. ID Dept of Ag Dr. Scott Leibsle, State Veterinarian

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**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, January 14, 2022

**TIME:** 8:15 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Boyle

**GUESTS:** The sign in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

**Chairman Kauffman** introduced new committee member **Rep. McCann**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0000-2100:** **Lloyd Knight**, Admin. and Rules Coordinator, Idaho Dept. of Agriculture, spoke to **Docket No. 02-0000-2100**. Necessary Incorporation by Reference (IBR) updates were identified prior to publishing as temporary rules. Zero Based Rulemaking (ZBR) is focused on the direction of the Executive Order. They were presented to the participating stakeholders. The department worked to identify changes compliant with the Executive Order or requested by stakeholders ensuring the rule was consistent with statutory authority.

**Dr. Scott Leibsle**, Admin., Division of Animal Industries, Idaho State Dept. of Agriculture, spoke to the rules governing raw milk. Rule changes include elimination of herd size restrictions, unlimited raw permits, small herd exempt permits, and were combined into a single raw milk permit applying to all herd sizes. Herdshare permit remains unchanged. Raw milk producers are no longer restricted as to the number of animals they can milk. Monthly quality testing was eliminated. Quality testing standards do not predict or identify the potential for food-borne illness. Labelling requirements have been changed to better inform a "casual" consumer the product is unpasteurized and may be harmful. Raw Milk Producers will not be required to obtain a Nutrient Management Plan until they exceed 30 cows, 150 goats, or 150 sheep.

**Marv Patton**, Secretary, Milk Producers of Idaho, spoke to the committee in regards to selling raw milk.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Marshall** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0000-2100**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
DOCKET NO.:		
<a href="#">02-0000-2100F</a>	Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking (Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule	Chanel Tewalt, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Agriculture Dr. Scott Leibsle, Idaho State Veterinarian Lloyd Knight, Administration & Rules, ISDA
<a href="#">02-0107-2101</a>	Rules Governing Hemp	Chanel Tewalt, Dr. Scott Leibsle, Lloyd Knight

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**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative Boyle

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2022 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO 02-0000-2100F:** **Lloyd Knight**, Rules Review Officer, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), explained Zero Based Rulemaking (ZBR). The Executive Order starts at ground zero, and is a review for compliance with statute, consistency and relevance. There is a five year schedule for reviewing all agency rules. There is broad stakeholder involvement, from Bear Lake to Boundary, and Caldwell to Idaho Falls. This included all agency rules, with the exception of hemp which is the only new rule.

**Dr. Scott Leibsle**, Division of Animal Industries, IDSA, spoke to Rules governing Grade A Milk. Raw milk producers will not be required to obtain a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) until they exceed: 30 cows, 150 goats, or 150 sheep. This allows existing producers the opportunity for future growth and expansion before the NMP requirement would go into effect. Producers who choose to expand where an NMP would be required will be held to the same standard as all dairies in the state. Rule changes include, elimination of herd size restrictions, monthly quality testing, and NMP requirements.

**Marv Patton**, Milk Producers of Idaho, **Bob Naerebout**, Dairy Producers of Idaho, **Brian Brooks**, Idaho Wildlife Federation, and **Tim Sommer**, Purple Sage Farms, spoke in support of **Docket No. 02-0000-2100F**.

**Dr. Scott Leibsle**, IDSA, addressed Rules Governing Domestic Cervidae. Cervidae include elk, reindeer, and fallow deer. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has never been detected in domestic cervids in Idaho. Rule changes include removing reindeer restrictions north of Salmon River, reindeer may now be farmed statewide; eliminating the Red Deer Purity Testing, the assessment fee for cervids that die in the same calendar year, and removing the TB testing requirement for intrastate movement and change of ownership. Additional CWD testing requirements for producers importing cervids from a high risk CWD area are required.

**Chanel Tewalt**, Deputy Director, ISDA, explained the Organic Rule Industry has not increased fees since 2002. All funds are dedicated, driven by customer demand and is a voluntary program. The Outreach reports back to agriculture groups and the Organic Advisory Council.

**Lloyd Knight**, ISDA, spoke to the rule governing the designation of invasive species, inspection, permitting, decontamination, record keeping and enforcement and applies to the possession, importation, shipping, transportation, eradication, and control of invasive species. This rule identifies noxious weeds officially designated by the Director as noxious weeds in the state of Idaho, designates articles capable of disseminating noxious weeds, requires treatment of articles to prevent dissemination of noxious weeds and provides authority to designate cooperative weed management areas for management of noxious weeds. This rule governs the inspection, certification, marking of noxious weed free forage and straw to allow for the transportation, and use of forage and straw in Idaho and states where regulations and restrictions are placed on such commodities.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0000-2100F. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0107-2101:** **Chanel Tewalt**, Deputy Director, ISDA, spoke to the Hemp Program. A hemp handler license authorizes a person or entity to obtain and possess hemp, including seed, for processing but not for the license holder's own cultivation. It is the policy of Idaho to allow production, processing, transportation, and research of industrial hemp in Idaho. Negligent violations include; failure to provide an accurate legal description of land where hemp is produced, failure to obtain a license; production of hemp exceeding the acceptable THC level. License holders shall not be subject to more than one negligent violation per calendar year, and are not subject to criminal enforcement.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0107-2101. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Thursday, January 20, 2022**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS 29014C1</a>	Fertilizer, soil, and plant amendment registration	Chanel Tewalt, Dep. Dir., Dept. of Ag.
DOCKET NO.:		
<a href="#">60-0501-2100</a>	Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking - Proposed Rule	Delwyne Trefz, Administrator Admin. Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission

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Rep Nichols

Rep Mathias

MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 20, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative Boyle

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

**RS 29014C1:** **Chanel Tewalt**, Deputy Director, Idaho State Dept. of Agriculture (ISDA), presented **RS 29014C1**. ISDA proposed legislation to repeal tonnage fees for fertilizer and soil and plant amendment program, and to eliminate the rule which governs artificial production of rainfall. This legislation would create a more streamlined framework for fertilizer, soil and plant amendment registration. Currently, the process which requires customers to pay a registration fee and separate fees for tonnage is cumbersome and takes considerable time for ISDA staff to review. This legislation would eliminate the process of paying by tonnage and simplify the fee structure.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 29014C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.  
60-0501-2100:** **Delwyne Trefz**, Administrator, Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission, presented **Docket No. 60-0501-2100**, a rule setting procedure and requirement for establishing, implementing, and administering a loan from the RCRDP fund, and providing for the allocation of state funds appropriated for distribution to conservation districts. No changes were made to the existing rule text. With advice from the Deputy Attorney General, it was determined to present the rule as a non-fee, rather than a fee rule. The fees associated with the rule were never collected by ISWCC and never used as funds for agency operational costs. Costs associated with loan closure, title insurance, and recording fees are borne by the loan applicant and none of these funds ever supported the program functions provided by the agency. The change from a fee to a non-fee rule is not anticipated to have any fiscal impact on the state General Fund.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 60-0501-2100**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
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AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Monday, January 24, 2022**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Legislative Services Office	Rob Sepich, Legislative Services Office, Senior Budget & Policy Analyst
DOCKET NO.:		
<a href="#">53-0101-2100F</a>	Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking (Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule	Laura Wilder, Excutive Director Idaho Barley Commission
<a href="#">43-0101-2100F</a>	Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking (Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule	Benjamin Kelly, Administrator Idaho Oilseed Commission
<a href="#">02-0616-2100</a>	Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking - Proposed Rule	Benjamin Kelly, Idaho Honey Commission

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, January 24, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representatives McCann, Giddings

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**Rob Sepich**, Senior Budget and Policy Analyst, described the 8 budget programs under the Department of Agriculture, comparing last year's appropriated budget to the actual end of the year spending and detailing the amounts requested this year with the Governor's recommendations.

**DOCKET NO. 53-0101-2100F:** **Laura Wilder**, Executive Director, Idaho Barley Commission, explained **Docket No. 53-0101-2100F** does not propose any changes from what was presented and approved last year and has no changes for consideration. Idaho barley growers pay a Barley Tax which is currently \$.03 per hundredweight of barley marketed and is collected at point of first purchase and remitted to the Idaho Barley Commission.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 53-0101-2100F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 43-0101-2100F:** **Benjamin Kelly**, Administrator of Idaho Oilseed Commission, stated **Docket No. 43-0101-2100F** adopts and re-publishes the existing rule chapter previously submitted and reviewed by the Idaho Legislature. There are no changes to the pending fee rule and it does not impose or increase a fee beyond what has already been approved.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 43-0101-2100F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0616-2100:** **Benjamin Kelly**, Administrator, Idaho Honey Commission, explained there are no changes to **Docket No. 02-0616-2100**, and it is being adopted as originally proposed. The tax rate is \$0.05 per colony.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0616-2100**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
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AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Wednesday, January 26, 2022**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Idaho Potato Commission	Jayne Higham, CEO, Idaho Potato Commission
DOCKET NO.: <a href="#">29-0000-2100</a>	Rules of the Idaho Potato Commission College of Agricultural and Life Sciences	Patrick Kole Michael Parrella, Dean   Professor of Entomology

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2022, January 20, 2022, and January 24, 2022. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Jamey Higham**, CEO, Idaho Potato Commission (IPC), described challenges potato farmers are dealing with and gave an update on projects around the state. The water projects under consideration for funding are vital to the Idaho Potato Industry. State funding for potato research is critical in developing potato varieties which use less water, are heat tolerant, resistant to changing pest profiles and meet the expectations of consumers. Each action that can help lower costs, ease movement of product, and provide incentives to keep farming operations competitive is important to the Idaho Potato Industry.

**DOCKET NO. 29-0000-2100:** **Patrick Kole**, Vice President of Legal and Government Affairs, IPC, said there are no changes to the Rules since the last time they were before the Committee.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Marshall** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 29-0000-2100**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Michael Parrella**, Dean, U of I, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs), reported on the Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension and CALs enrollment status, capital projects faculty and staff retention/turnover. The Seed Potato Germplasm facility in Moscow, Idaho, will triple seed potato production and create plantlets free from viruses and other diseases. The Idaho Center for Agriculture, Food and the Environment (CAFE) will be the country's largest and most advanced research center targeting the dairy and allied industries. CAFE will be a sustainable agriculture system focused on providing global solutions to ongoing issues facing agriculture, food, the environment and society. Dean Parrella introduced **Brent Olmstead**, and **John Wright**, and **Jenn Root**, and **Barbara Petty** from the University of Idaho, CALs.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Wednesday, February 02, 2022**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 455</a>	Amends and repeals existing law to revise provisions regarding certain fees  Idaho Dairyman's Association	Chanel Tewalt, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Agriculture  Rick Naerebout, CEO, Idaho Dairyman's Association
<a href="#">RS 29282</a>	Promotion of Beer made with Idaho Hops	Nate Fisher, Legislative Advisor for Idaho Brewers United
DOCKET NO.: <a href="#">02-0701-2100F</a>	Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking (Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule  ISSWC Annual Report	Delwyne Trefz, Idaho State Soil and Water Conservation

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 02, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings (Carlson), Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Chairman Kauffman

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Vice Chairman Andrus** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2022. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 455:** **Chanel Tewalt**, Deputy Director, Idaho State Department of Agricultural (ISDA), presented **H 455**, legislation to repeal tonnage fees for fertilizer, soil and plant amendment program, and to eliminate the rule which governs artificial production of rainfall. **H 455** would create a more streamlined framework for fertilizer, soil and plant amendment registration. The process requiring customers to pay a registration fee and separate fees for tonnage is cumbersome and takes considerable time for ISDA staff to review. **H 455** would eliminate the process of paying by tonnage and simplify the fee structure. **Elizabeth Criner**, Far West Agribusiness Association (FWAA) spoke **in support** of **H 455**, saying FWAA appreciates the efforts of the ISDA and the opportunity to provide input on program changes.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Ruchti** made a motion to send **H 455** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCann** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Rick Naerebout**, Chief Executive Officer, Idaho Dairymen's Association (IDA), stated their mission is to protect Idaho dairy producers and families through environmental, legal and legislative leadership. He pointed out the largest growth is occurring in dairies with 1000-2000 plus cows. There are 33,000 jobs in Idaho related to the dairy industry with dairy bringing in \$10.7 billion in total sales to the state. Eighty-nine percent of on-dairy jobs are filled by foreign-born labor. Without those jobs none of the other jobs in dairy could exist. The goal of the Idaho Dairy Nutrient Management is to minimize nutrient loss to the environment by reducing soil erosion and improving water quality and to maximize nutrient utilization by increasing crop yields, enhancing water use efficiency, and improve soil health with manure application.

**RS 29282:** **Nate Fisher**, Legislative Advisor for Idaho Brewers United, presented **RS 29282**, proposed legislation to define what the Idaho Hop Growers Commission can do in regards to the promotion of beer. Idaho ranks number two in the nation for hop production. Idaho hop acreage and production of hops has grown for nine straight years as has the number of breweries in Idaho and across the country. Since 2015 the value of hop production has increased from \$31 million to an estimated \$100 million in 2020, and is beneficial to Idaho's economy. Hops ranked as Idaho's No. 9 farm commodity in 2019 in terms of farm-gate receipts.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to introduce **RS 29282**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0701-2100F:** **Candi Fitch**, Executive Director, Idaho Hop Growers Association, presented **Docket No. 02-0701-2100F**. This administrative rule gives the Idaho Hop Commission the authority to collect assessments on hops grown in Idaho and to set the assessment rate. The money that is collected is used to promote and educate about Idaho hops, and to conduct research. There are no changes to the Idaho Hop Commission Rule.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0701-2101F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Joe Peterson**, Natural Resources, presented for **Delwyne Trefz**, Administrator, Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission. **Crystal Rosen** assisted with the PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Peterson stated their mission is to facilitate coordinated non-regulatory, voluntary and locally led conservation by working with many partners including Idaho's 50 Conservation Districts, Natural Resource Conservation Service and others. Working together they promote voluntary conservation on private lands balancing the economic health of landowners and communities. The two types of assistance provided to the conservation districts include financial and technical assistance. The commission has begun an outreach process between now and the end of March to brainstorm funding allocation options to determine the preferences of the majority of districts board by board. The Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Program (RCRDP), provides technical support to participants in the Idaho Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), and are the designated agency responsible for developing Total Maximum Daily Load implementation plans for agricultural and grazing land.

**Devin Fielding**, the Idaho Association of Conservation Districts, Division 5 Director, explained conservation districts enter into agreements, acquire property, assist private land owners in conserving soil resources, assist in preventing erosion and flooding, and implement water conservation measures. Funding for districts is obtained from grants, contracts, state allocations, and county allocations.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

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Representative Andrus  
Vice Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Tuesday, February 08, 2022**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Financial Condition of Idaho Agriculture 2021	Garth Taylor, University of Idaho Rita Du Ben Eborn
DOCKET NO.:		
<a href="#">11-0201-2100F</a>	State Brand Board	Cody Burlile, State Brand Board
	Idaho Wine Commission	Moya Dolsby, Excutive Director Idaho Wine Commission

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 08, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings (Carlson), Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Giddings

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2022. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 11-0201-2100F:** **Cody Burlile**, Idaho State Brand Inspector, presented **Docket No. 11-0201-2100F**, and said the proposed fee rule had previously been submitted and reviewed by the legislature. The fee rule does not impose a change beyond what was previously submitted to and reviewed by the legislature in the prior rules.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 11-0201-2100F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Moya Dolsby**, Executive Director, Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission, stated their mission is to support Idaho grape growers and wine makers and act as a united voice for the Idaho wine industry by growing awareness and sales of Idaho wines. Rich volcanic soil, four distinct seasons and Idaho's warm growing season help make Idaho's wine high quality. The Idaho Wine Commission is funded by the wine excise tax, optional industry assessments, Savor Idaho event revenue, and Idaho State Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grants.

**Dr. R. Garth Taylor**, U of I Agricultural Economist, addressed the committee concerning the financial condition of Idaho Agriculture during the 2021 year. Milk cash receipts, Idaho's leading agricultural commodity, increased by an estimated 20%. Agriculture accounts for over a quarter of Idaho exports, and in 2020, agriculture set a near record high, exporting dairy, potatoes and wheat mainly to Canada and Mexico. The export of dairy products, wheat, and potatoes remains strong, and is an important driver for the increase in the total value of Idaho agriculture exports. Dairy growth is mainly driven by notable increases in exports of whey & whey products to China. There is concern in Idaho for 2022 regarding drought, inflation, cost of fertilizer, fuel, and Roundup prices. The leading indicators are land and equipment prices.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Thursday, February 10, 2022**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 530</a>	IDAHO HOP GROWER'S COMMISSION - Adds to existing law to authorize the IDAHO HOP GROWER'S COMMISSION to promote beer made with Idaho-grown hops.	Sheila Frances, Executive Director, Idaho Brewers United
DOCKET NO.:		
<a href="#">42-0101-2100F</a>	Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking (Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule	Casey Chamrau, Executive Director Idaho Wheat Commission
	Idaho Bean Commission	Andi Woolf-Weibye, Executive Director, Idaho Bean Commission
<a href="#">RS 29337</a>	Ingress and Egress of Agricultural Aircraft	Rep. Boyle David Lehman, Primus Policy Group

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**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 10, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings (Carlson), Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**H 530:** **Sheila French**, Executive Director, Idaho Brewers United, presented **H 530** legislation defining how the Idaho Hop Growers Commission promotes beer products made with Idaho-grown hops. Idaho ranks second in the nation for hop production. Hop acreage and production of hops has grown for nine straight years as has the number of breweries in Idaho. The value of hop production has increased from \$31 million in 2015 to an estimated \$100 million in 2020.

**MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to send **H 530** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mathias** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**DOCKET NO. 42-0101-2100F:** **Casey Chumrva**, Executive Director, Idaho Wheat Commission (IWC), presented **Docket No. 42-0101-2100F**, and said the fee rules do not increase a fee or charge beyond what was previously submitted to and reviewed by the Legislature in the prior rules.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Moon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 42-0101-2100F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Casey Chumrva**, Executive Director, Idaho Wheat Commission (IWC), stated the IWC's mission statement is to maximize profitability for Idaho Wheat Producers by investing funds in market development, research, information and education. She explained a 3.5 cent assessment is levied on every bushel of wheat at the first point of sale. She said 38% is used for research, 31% for grower education and communication, 27% for market development and 4% for office operations and capitol outlay. Since 1983 the IWC has contributed \$13,622,713 to the University of Idaho in support of agriculture research and education. Idaho is the only state in the US that grows five out of the six classes of wheat, explaining how Idaho produces 50% of the country's hard white wheat. Hampered by drought and unusually high temperatures, Idaho's total wheat production in bushels in 2021 was 25% lower than the five-year average. Idaho exports 50% of its wheat down the Columbia-Snake river system.

**Andi Woolf-Weibye**, Executive Director of Idaho Bean Commission, said their mission statement is to promote Idaho's premier reputation as a consistent, top-quality, disease free, dry and green bean seed producer, and promote beans as a nutritious and healthy food. She explained their objectives for this coming year which include promoting Idaho bean seed and bean consumption, conduct grower education and educating consumers. She reported how the pandemic has affected the budget as many events had to be cancelled, but 2021 online bean school classes were successfully held with 350 attendees. Idaho currently is number one in the nation for bean seed production and number five in bean production.

**RS 29337:**

**Rep. Boyle** presented **RS 29337**, proposed legislation adding to the definition of Agricultural Operations under the Right to Farm Act to include the ingress and egress of planes to agricultural areas. Right to Farm protects agricultural activities conducted on farmland in urbanizing areas from being subjected to nuisance lawsuits. It is the intent of the legislature to reduce the loss to the state of its agricultural resources by limiting the circumstances under which agricultural operations may be deemed to be a nuisance. Agricultural aircraft must be able to travel to and from agricultural lands and treatment areas to perform their vital functions. With a growing agricultural / urban interface in Idaho, it is important to recognize and protect the ability for agricultural aircraft to access agricultural lands. This legislation does not relieve pilots from Federal Aviation Administration regulations related to low-flying and congested areas.

**MOTION:**

**Rep. Nichols** made a motion to introduce **RS 29337**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #2**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Monday, February 14, 2022**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Invasive Species	Lloyd Knight, Administrator, Div. of Plant Industries
	Maximized Water Management	William Fuchs, Maximized Water Management
	Snake River Sugarbeet Growers Association.	Brad Griff, Excutive Director
	Amalgamated Sugar	Jessica Anderson, Public Affairs Manager
<a href="#">RS 29452</a>	Legislation to allow Allied Health Professional to advertise	Rep. Ferch
<a href="#">RS 29566</a>	Water and Soil Conservation	Rep. Troy

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 14, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings (Carlson), Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2022 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Lloyd Knight**, Administrator, Division of Plant Industries, explained the four invasive species program areas; prevention, early detection, management and control, and education and outreach. He reviewed the program budget pointing out the three main sources of funding from the General Fund, the Dedicated Fund and federal cost share matching funds. **Nic Zurfluh**, Section Manager, Invasive Species, explained that recent contaminated zebra mussels found in moss balls used in aquariums, and spoke to their response locally as well as the regional and national response in acting quickly to contain it. This is the 12th year of the watercraft inspection program, and they have the support of local law enforcement and Idaho State Police for each station. Relationships with surrounding states have increased over the years with coordinated cooperation. He explained the Idaho rapid response plan that aligns with the regional state and the Columbia River Basin Interagency Plan. **Jeremy Varley** spoke of aquatic noxious weeds and treatments. Eurasian watermilfoil, flowering rush, and hydrilla are found in lakes and rivers in Idaho. Eurasian watermilfoil was identified in the Blue Heart Springs area of the Snake River near Hagerman, Idaho. By October the Eurasian watermilfoil had been removed.

**William Fuchs**, Maximized Water Management, developed Aquatic Vegetation Rake (AVR) to remove targeted water weed or obstruction from the water quickly. AVR is being used to remove water weeds and water obstructions from canals and waterways. Idaho canal systems divert water from Fall River that flows from Yellowstone National Park through private properties where the owners have livestock, crops, fishponds, and limited budgets for water delivery maintenance. The AVR was developed in Idaho to solve water weed problems in an irrigation canal and has been in use since 2008.

**Brad Griff**, Executive Director, Snake River Sugar Beet Association (SRSBA), explained sugar beets are a root crop grown below the soil, usually weighing up to 3-5 pounds and are harvested in the late fall to increase sugar content. Sugar beets are grown in 11 states, primarily in the northern states where warm days and cooler nights produce the best crop. Idaho is the largest producer of sugar beets in the nation and accounts for 18% of sugar beet production in the country. SRSBA employs 17000 employees. Mr. Griff spoke to the importance of using the best farming practices to achieve sustainability by decreasing the use of pesticide, reducing fuel usage, improving soil health and increasing efficiency.

**Jessica Anderson**, Public Affairs Manager, Amalgamated Sugar (AS), said AS is the second largest beet sugar company in the nation producing 10% of the nation's real sugar. They were founded in 1897 and now have three processing factories, employing 1,800 employees. She spoke concerning the three legislative priorities which are transportation, recruiting talent for employment opportunities in the industry, and continuing agricultural research. She explained sugar is more than just sweetness. Along with fat and protein, sugar provides the body with energy and should be included in moderation and portion control in a healthy diet. No part of the beet is wasted; beet pulp is a feed source, and betaine is used in cosmetics.

**RS 29452:** **Rep. Ferch** presented **RS 29452**, proposed legislation to allow "Allied Health Professionals" who are not licensed veterinarians to perform certain treatment on, and provide services to animals. Under current law, the Allied Health Professional is not permitted to advertise those services to the public. This legislation would allow qualified Allied Health Professionals, who are authorized to provide certain services, the ability to advertise and offer service to the public.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to introduce **RS 29452**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 29566:** **Rep. Troy** presented **RS 29566**, proposed legislation that revises provisions for how Commissioners are appointed to the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission, increases the number of Commissioners from five to seven, and repeals the ability to establish any new Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made a motion to introduce **RS 29566**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Wednesday, February 16, 2022**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Port of Lewiston	David Doeringsfeld, General Manager, Port of Lewiston
	Internet of Things, Irrigation	Mike Meyers, Water Master, District 63

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings (Carlson), Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep.(s) Moon, Giddings

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Kauffman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 committee meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**David Doeringsfeld**, Manager of Lewiston Port, explained the port operates in three areas; transportation, economic development and international trade. The Lewis Clark Terminal is independently owned and operated. Ten percent of all US wheat exports move by barge on the Snake River, explaining Camas Prairie and Palouse have the best dry land farming in the US, which is perfect for growing wheat. The total commodities shipped on the Snake River have remained fairly constant over the past decade averaging approximately 3.8 million tons per year. The economic impact to the community if the dams were to be breached would be financially devastating. He commented on the infrastructure that would need to be in place to replace the barges. The difference in cost shipping grain by train or truck as compared to barges would be anywhere from a 50 to 100% increase in cost.

**Mike Meyers**, Water Master, District 63, explained how automating management of the Boise River through broadband capabilities will provide real-time measurements and data. Currently, district workers monitor the river levels and flow by driving once or twice a week to 88 sites, a total of 121 miles, to collect data, and spend three to four hours the next workday inputting the data into the state's database. The information is used to make determinations about the river's headgates, which control water flow for the following week. The district will soon implement a setup using Paige Wireless, Cisco Meraki, and Cisco's Ultra-Reliable Wireless Backhaul to get this data in real time. By putting a motor on top of a headgate and controlling it from a computer, the team can adjust the gate to get the water flowing into the canal. The communication happens through high-speed broadband and access points. This came together through Cisco's Country Digital Acceleration Program, which supports public-sector leaders' efforts to solve infrastructure challenges and provides technology to do so. It has more than 1,000 active or completed projects in 44 countries.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #2**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**3:00 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Tuesday, February 22, 2022**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 606</a>	RIGHT TO FARM - Amends existing law to revise a definition. Oilseed Commission	Rep. Boyle Senator Patrick Erik Olson, Chairman, Idaho Oilseed Commision
<a href="#">51-0101-2100F</a>	Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking (Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule Idaho FFA	TK Tuwahara, CEO, Idaho Beef Council Clara-Leigh Evans, Excutive Director

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022

**TIME:** 3:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti (Roberts), Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep.(s) Ruchti, Giddings

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Vice-Chairman Andrus** called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022, and February 16, 2022 committee meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 606:** **Rep. Boyle** presented **H 606**, legislation adding to the definition of Agricultural Operations under the Right to Farm Act. Agricultural aircraft must travel to and from agricultural lands and treatment areas to perform their vital functions. With a growing agricultural/ urban interface in Idaho, it is important to recognize and protect the ability for agricultural aircraft to access agricultural lands. This legislation does not relieve pilots from Federal Aviation Administration regulations related to low-flying and congested areas. **David Lehman**, Executive Director, Idaho Agricultural Aviation Association; **George Parker**, Crop Jet Aviation; and **Randy Quigley** testified in support of **H 606**, saying this bill protects them from nuisance lawsuits. Citizens disapprove of the noise of the aircraft during crop spraying.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to send **H 606** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Eric Olson**, Chairman, Idaho Oilseed Commission, explained oilseeds are grown primarily for the production of edible oils. Canola oil is obtained by pressing the seeds and then extracting the oil. The meal obtained in the extraction is a rich source of proteins and can be used for feed. Canola provides excellent foliage habitat for pollinators and other beneficial insects, and is a positive influence on the bee population. Canola is heart healthy because it is very low in saturated fat. When canola was incorporated in small grain rotations, disease incidence on cereal crops decreased and quality increased.

**DOCKET NO. 51-0101-2100F:** **TK Tuwahara**, CEO, Idaho Beef Council, explained there was only one rule chapter in this omnibus reauthorization of existing rules that has previously been reviewed and approved by the legislature. She said their approach to the omnibus was in line with the Red Tape Reduction Act from **Governor Little** to review the rules and identify and eliminate rules that are obsolete or unnecessary. Over all the rule is lighter and easier for Idahoans to navigate with no substantive changes.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 51-0101-2100F.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Vice Chairman Andrus** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Kauffman.**

**TK Tuwahara**, CEO, Idaho Beef Council, gave a brief history of the Idaho beef industry stating there are approximately 8,200 beef producers across the state. The eight member board represents the cow/ calf sector, cattlemen, feeders, auction markets, and dairy representatives, and are appointed by the Governor. The Idaho Beef Council focuses on education, promotion and research, and provides a collective voice to tell the Idaho Beef Story. Ms. Tuwahara explained social and digital media are used to connect to consumers and educate them on what cuts to purchase, how to store and different ways to prepare beef. The Council's strategic goals include communicating beef's value and overcoming misconceptions and growing consumer trust in beef and beef products. The Idaho Beef Story is to educate and inspire, highlight responsibility, drive innovation, build pride in Idaho, and nourish Idaho.

**Clara-Leigh Evans**, Executive Director, Idaho Future Farmers of America (FFA), **Kayden Driggs**, State President, Driggs; **Katie Hebdon**, State Vice President, Nampa; **Claire Shelton**, State Secretary, Meridian; **Cassie Moody**, State Treasurer, Middleton; **Kennedy Farden**, State Reporter, New Plymouth; **Cassie Morey**, State Sentinel, Deary, Idaho, were introduced to the committee. Cassie Morey and Katie Hebdon explained the first Idaho Future Farmers of America (FFA) was chartered in Malad in 1929. There are now 5,300 members and seven districts across the state. FFA centers around the three-circle model of Agricultural Education (AE), FFA, and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). AE is learning in the classroom, FFA is learning the leadership role, and SAE is combining the classroom experiences with leadership roles in a hands on experience.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #2**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**3:00 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Thursday, February 24, 2022**

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:  
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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Grazing Patterns	Jim Sprinkle, Uof I Extension
	Desert Mountain Beef	
	Leadership Idaho Agriculture: Class of 42	Rick Waitley, AMG

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 24, 2022

**TIME:** 3:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols (Brooks), Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Mathias, Moon, Ruchti

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Jim Sprinkle**, Ph.D., Extension Beef Specialist - Nutrition, University of Idaho Extension (U of I), spoke on grazing patterns. Cattle can be identified that have less yearly maintenance costs and also utilize rugged rangeland pastures more sustainably during hot summer days. Individual cow size and individual calf weaning weights have increased, but overall cowherd profitability has declined. Cow size has increased approximately 200 pounds during this time, as has the appetite. Specialized equipment is used to collect individual daily feed intakes for cattle in a feedlot setting on a real-time basis. Recognizing increasing cow size has corresponding feed needs, but the amount of available grazing and pastureland is constant, the University of Idaho was encouraged to look at ways the cattle can become more feed efficient.

The University of Idaho Extension is investigating whether cattle perform competitively to their contemporaries in a rangeland environment with respect to forage intake, livestock production, and grazing behavior. In addition to monitoring grazing locations (every five minutes) with GPS technology, utilizing accelerometers are being used to measure daily activity (grazing, resting, or walking). Accelerometers are used on rockets to measure velocity in three different directions and can be used to monitor cow head movements to distinguish the activity 24 hours a day at five-second intervals. A history of each cows daily activity for at least 30 days can be obtained.

Research has demonstrated cattle can be selected which not only are more efficient but also graze rugged rangeland pastures more sustainably than do their inefficient counterparts when temperatures get hot in summer. Efficient cattle, presumably with fewer maintenance requirements, maintained similar production outputs to their inefficient herd mates. On late-season rangeland with decreasing forage quality and no supplementation, young efficient cattle lose less weight than do inefficient cattle. Early indications suggest that efficient cattle can be identified with genetic markers, possibly revolutionizing the selection of herd replacements which can more effectively graze pastures with endangered species concerns.

**Bob Howard**, Desert Mountain Grass Fed Beef, spoke on generational sustainable ranching. After questioning customers, Mr. Howard discovered they want meat from non-confined cattle. He explained grass-fed cattle do not cost more to raise than conventional grain-fed cattle. Additionally, the carbon produced by the cattle gets reincorporated into the soil and encourages more grass to grow. Generational sustainable ranching also requires a year-round supply of 2 year old cattle.

**Rick Waitley**, Leadership Idaho Agriculture, introduced the Class of 42, 2021-2022.

**MOTION:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**2:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Monday, February 28, 2022**

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:  
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew42/>

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 642</a>	SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS - Amends and repeals existing law to revise provisions regarding the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and to revise provisions regarding supervisors.	Rep. Troy

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 28, 2022  
**TIME:** 2:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW42  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols (Brooks), Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Giddings  
**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.  
**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.  
**H 642:** **Rep. Troy** said **H 642** amends and repeals existing law to revise provisions regarding the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and to revise provisions regarding supervisors. **H 642** changes how the commission is appointed, gives term limits, and removes the ability for more districts to be formed. In response to committee questions, **Steve Becker**, President, Association of Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Chairman, Nez Percé Soil and Water Conservation District, said the association represents all districts. He explained the difference between a supervisor and a commissioner, saying the supervisor is elected and serves a four year term, and commissioners are selected by the Governor and shall serve five years.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Brooks** made a motion to send **H 642** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Troy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.  
**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment  
Room WW02  
Wednesday, March 02, 2022

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:  
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ww02/>

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Energy and Water Projects in Southern Idaho	Doug Jones, Government Affairs, Idaho Water Engineering Dr. Dave Tuthill, President
	Dairy West	Karianne Fallow, Dairy West, CEO
<a href="#">HCR 37</a>	Stating findings of the Legislature and approving administrative rules that impose a fee or charge reviewed by the House and Senate Agricultural Affairs Committees.	Rep. Kauffman Senator Burtenshaw

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Rep Marshall  
Rep Nichols (Brooks)

Rep Ruchi  
Rep Mathias (Woodings)

MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 02, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment

**PLACE:** Room WW02

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias (Woodings)

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep.(s) Giddings, Ruchti, Moon

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Ehardt** called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

**Doug Jones**, Government Affairs, Idaho Water Engineering, Cat Creek Energy and Water (CCEW) explained the two and one half-billion-dollar water and energy project on the Boise River system will add 1,000 megawatts of electric generating capacity and create 100,000 acre-feet of new water storage. The changing electrical market, driven by efforts to remove fossil fuels from our energy supply, led CCEW to look at Pumped Storage Hydro. A solution was found to store renewable energy to benefit the electrical system and store early snowmelt for later use while helping avert spring flooding. CCEW is an advanced Pumped Storage system with an oversized reservoir and a new generation of hydro turbines powered by on- and off-site wind and solar energy creating the largest and longest-duration energy storage in the nation and will create and store enough clean electricity to power 300,000 homes. The smart recycling hydro resource is available at full power for up to 121 hours and can restart the Western grid if needed. Pumps in Anderson Ranch Reservoir will carry early runoff otherwise lost to the Valley to the new upper reservoir for later use by municipalities and irrigation districts, adding up to 80,000 acre-feet of water storage for other uses. CCEW is a privately financed project which will create jobs and spur economic investments in Idaho while paying fees and taxes to its public partners during its hundred-year lifecycle.

**Chairman Ehardt** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Kauffman**.

Recharge Development Corporation provides groundwater recharge to be credited to water users. Formed in the Eastern Snake Plain and the Boise River Basin, and initial steps being taken in the Wood River Basin, the mission is to clean agricultural drains to provide cost-effective phosphorous and sediment trading credits for municipalities and industrial users. Aquifer recharge in the Treasure Valley will help meet future groundwater needs.

Clean Water Partners, LLC's mission is to clean agricultural drains to provide cost-effective phosphorous and sediment trading credits for municipalities and industrial users. Cleaning the agricultural return flows to Idaho's rivers is a more cost-effective way to meet the needs of municipal water treatment facilities.

Lost Valley Reservoir was stopped due to the threatened Northern Idaho Ground Squirrel. A study conducted in 2019 demonstrated ways to mitigate any impact on the squirrels. It is now ready for detailed Environmental Impact Studies and Engineering.

**Karianne Fallow**, CEO, Dairy West, representing Idaho Dairy Products Commission, said their mission is to inspire trust in dairy farming and dairy products and build demand for these products around the world. They work with school meals and nutrition professionals to make sure that dairy is a priority on the school menu. Ms. Fallow explained the two brand strategies Dairy West is using; a new brand, Unbottled, to market audience interactions more effectively, and when seen in the marketplace it will be recognized as a Dairy West product. Research shows drinking milk is an effective way to help the body refuel and recover after exercise. Chocolate milk is the perfect package of the ideal post-workout beverage because it contains the appropriate ratio of carbohydrate to protein to refuel, rebuild, recover, and enhance athletes to meet their everyday greatness goals.

**HCR 37:** **Rep. Kauffman** said all pending administrative rules or portions of pending administrative rules that impose a fee or charge reviewed by the House Agricultural Affairs Committee and the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee adopted by the Department of Agriculture, the Idaho Hop Growers' Commission, the Idaho State Police/State Brand Board, the Idaho Wheat Commission, the Idaho Oilseed Commission, the Idaho Beef Council, and the Idaho Barley Commission pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act during the prior calendar year, and submitted through the Office of the Administrative Rules Coordinator to the Legislature for review during the 2022 legislative session be, and the same are approved.

**MOTION:** **Vice-Chairman Andrus** made a motion to send **HCR 37** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
1:30 pm or upon adjournment  
Room EW42  
Tuesday, March 08, 2022

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Fare Idaho	Katie Baker, Executive Director, Fare Idaho
	Idaho Wool Growers Association	Liz Wilder, Executive Director
	Idaho Sheep and Goat Board	Kim Royer, Idaho Sheep and Goat Board

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 08, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep.(s) Ruchti, Hanks, Giddings

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Katie Baker**, Executive Director, FARE Idaho, explained FARE stands for food, agriculture, restaurants, and establishments, and unites Idaho food and beverage communities to ensure independents get a seat at the table with an opportunity to collectively create positive change within their industry. Farmers, ranchers, food producers, independent food and beverage markets, independent markets and retailers, independent restaurants, and beverage establishments have joined together, and now there are over 270 members statewide. FARE Idaho connects producers and retailers, promotes members, and builds community. Their mission is to tell stories about Idaho's food from farm to table.

**Liz Wilder**, Executive Director, Idaho Wool Growers Association, said this association was established in 1893, and its mission is to promote, educate and advocate for the Idaho sheep industry. Idaho is seventh in the nation for sheep inventory and 8th for wool production. There are 1447 shepherds and 230,000 sheep who call Idaho home. Idaho's inventory value is \$120 million and the wool base value is \$2.6 million. The wool is taken around the world, including to the famous Pendleton Woolen Mills. In January, lambing begins and will be ready for processing at a time when inventory is at its lowest. Idaho is one of two states who can provide the lamb necessary for this time of year. Covid 19 resulted in a large price drop as many restaurants closed, however, many are rediscovering this protein and two years later prices are at an all-time high. Wool is thriving as its value is being seen as biodegradable, long-lasting, provides less harm to the environment, and consists of thermal insulation properties.

**Kim Royer**, Chairman, Idaho Sheep and Goat Board (ISGB) explained ISGB has the responsibility of oversight and control of serious contagious disease of sheep and goats in Idaho as well as general support of the industry. ISGB tracks sheep and goat imports and exports with Certified Vet Inspection permits and operates a hotline six days and evenings a week to answer veterinarians' calls regarding permits. Partnering with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) animal industry department and Idaho Wool Growers, ISGB is developing a localized vaccine for campylobacter and chlamydia using Idaho sourced isolates. ISDA will store and handle the vaccine, and Idaho Wool Growers will market the vaccine. Producers will benefit from a below-market priced vaccine that is geographically and culturally specific for them.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
1:30 or upon adjournment  
Room EW42  
Thursday, March 10, 2022

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:  
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew42/>

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">S 1345</a>	FENCES - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding the careless exposure of barbed wire and to revise penalties.  Idaho Water and Agriculture	Rep. Lickley  Paul Arrington, Executive Director, Idaho Water Users Association
	Idaho Water Resource Board Update	Brian Patton, Idaho Water Users Association

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 10, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 or upon adjournment

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 24, 28, 2022 and March 2, 2022 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**S 1345:** **Rep. Lickley** said this legislation revises provisions regarding a property owner's liability after receiving notice that barbed wire or barbed wire fence has been left down or strewn around on the ground or in disrepair in such a manner that livestock are liable to be injured. Idaho is considered an open-range and a fence out state, meaning cattle roam at will in many areas. Livestock must be present in circumstances or conditions likely to injure livestock for a citation to be issued. The committee expressed concern whether the legislation applies only to the fence causing injury to the cattle. **Senator Harris** explained what constitutes careless exposure of livestock to barbwire which would be likely to injure livestock. If the fence is down, the cow could get out onto the road, and the cow could be injured. This legislation adds circumstances or conditions likely to injure livestock, not the fence alone. **Holly Kooley-Rebholtz**, Idaho Prosecuting Attorney's Association, explained the legislation reads it's the barbwire fence causing the injury. Senator Harris said the fence law does not apply to any federal land.

**Russ Hendricks**, Idaho Farm Bureau, and **Wyatt Prescott**, Idaho Cattle Association, Idaho Grain Producers Association, spoke **in support of S 1345**, saying it would help keep Idaho landowners, livestock owners, and occupants accountable for their fences.

**MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to send **S 1345** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Moon** made a substitute motion to send **S 1345** to general orders.

**AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Boyle** made an amended substitute motion to **HOLD S 1345** in committee.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Amended Substitute Motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE and 6 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Andrus, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias, Kauffman.**

**Brian Patton**, Idaho Water Users Association, gave an update from the Idaho Water Resource Board. The budget has been set for the Idaho Water Resource Board with significant funding for water infrastructure projects across the state. Aging infrastructure needs to be rebuilt and water storage and delivery systems need to be improved. ARPA funds are anticipated to go towards projects such as the Anderson Ranch Reservoir Enlargement, the Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Supply Pipeline, recharging infrastructures on other areas and other projects. The Revolving Development Account is an account for canal companies, irrigation districts, groundwater districts, and others to finance their water projects. The Water Management Account is where general fund dollars are placed and where the previous appropriations for large water infrastructure have been placed. The Secondary Aquifer Planning Management Implementation Fund manages aquifer recharge and operations, and funds aquifer monitoring and modeling statewide. Cloud seed funding is in a collaborative program with Idaho Power and water users in the Boise River Basin, Wood River Basin, and Upper Snake River Basin. Studies indicate this provides about a ten percent increase in the water supply, or adding up these basins, approximately one million acre-feet. Benefits analysis is conducted to better understand who benefits from the increased water supply so further costs can be more fairly allocated.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Monday, March 14, 2022**

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:  
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew42/>

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Idaho Rangeland Resources	Gretchen Hyde, Executive Director

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 14, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep.(s) Mathias, Giddings, Nichols, Boyle, Moon

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m.

**Gretchen Hyde**, Executive Director of Idaho Rangelands and Resources Commission (IRRC), stated the commission is led by five board members appointed by the Governor and each serves a five-year term. The advisory members include members from several state agencies. Ms. Hyde discussed the budget and revenues for 2022. The assessment fee was set in 1997 and is paid by ranchers and landowners and can be refunded upon request. She explained the IRRC also receives funds from the sale of specialty license plates, trespass fees, and workshops. In 2021, IRRC conducted virtual and interactive workshops and was able to successfully share them with children in the classroom across the state.

Open range means "All unenclosed lands outside of cities, villages, and herd districts, upon which cattle, by custom, license, lease, or permit, are grazed or permitted to roam." Many of Idaho's roads and highways are in open range areas. Drivers are responsible for their own safety. Obeying the laws and being aware of animals (wild or domestic) is very important in all western states. Nearly half of Idaho is classified as rangeland, and eighty percent of rangelands are managed by either a federal or state agency. It is essential for the citizens of Idaho to have a good understanding of the ecology and management of these lands. The IRRC works to ensure the public understands the value of public lands grazing. Utilizing research-based grazing management practices creates healthy lands, healthy livestock, and abundant wildlife.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:  
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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Idaho Barley Commission	Laura Wilder, Idaho Barley Commission

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Laura Wilder**, Executive Director of Idaho Barley Commission (IBC) said the commission is self governed and serves to enhance the profitability of the Idaho barley growers through research, market development, promotion, information and education. Idaho's altitude, high desert climate and agronomic conditions make it an ideal location to grow barley. Of the 55,000,000 bushels of barley produced in Idaho about 75% goes to make malt. Idaho is the number one barley producing state in the US followed by Montana and North Dakota. Whole grains are an important source of complex carbohydrates, dietary fiber, antioxidants, vitamins and minerals and have been linked in protecting individuals from cardiovascular disease, cancer and diabetes. Barley is a good source of soluble & insoluble fiber, and contains fiber throughout the entire kernel.

The IBC has a higher than usual carryover to end fiscal year (FY) 2021 due to Covid-19 program changes and unspent funds. Those funds rolled over to the FY 2022 budget with increased program funding. Idaho retained it's status as the number one barley producing state. The 2021 market conditions resulted in a decrease in sales income.

Farmers in Eastern Idaho are now in a "prevent plant" situation in some areas as canal companies are planning cutbacks from the start of the season. The first watering to growers will not go out at 100%, and the farmers won't plant because they won't be able to harvest a crop, and Idaho will be in an extremely dire situation. The difficult drought year resulted in 549 fewer jobs in the malting industry.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Tuesday, March 22, 2022**

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:  
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew42/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<a href="#">S 1380</a>	RURAL VETERINARIANS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM - Adds to existing law to establish a loan repayment program for rural veterinarians who treat large animals.	Senator Stennett Senator Harris

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 10 and March 14, 2022. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2022. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**S 1380:** **Senator Stennett** explained the "Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment Program" under the Idaho Department of Agriculture. The fund for the program would pay education debts for qualified veterinarians providing care for agricultural production animals in rural areas. Eligible applicants would receive up to \$25,000 a year for three years with a commitment to work four years in Idaho. If a recipient fails to abide by the contract, the grant award amount of the last year would be paid back to the department. Any candidate already receiving another loan repayment award is excluded from this program. Agricultural industry contributions, private donations, and federal funds can be added to the fund. A five member advisory committee in the department would be established to monitor and conduct the grant process. The Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment Program would provide up to \$25,000 per year for ten applicants, or an allocation of \$250,000 per year, ongoing. The fund would be administered by the Idaho Department of Agriculture.

**Dr. Scott Leibsle**, Administrator, Division of Animal Industries, ISDA, introduced himself to the Committee. Dr. Leibsle presented data on the cost to attend veterinary school, the number, age, and location of Idaho large animal veterinarians, and vaccination statistics. Dr. Leibsle advised brucellosis is a bacteria which causes female cattle to abort their pregnancies. He said 60 percent of the Yellowstone National Park bison and elk herds were infected with brucellosis. Idaho cattle are required to be vaccinated against brucellosis because domestic cattle mix with infected wildlife, and only a vet can administer a vaccination. Dr. Leibsle said only a small number of Idaho veterinarians worked with large animals, and this bill would attract veterinarians to Idaho to practice large animal medicine.

**Senator Harris** said veterinarians are important to Idaho and are the front-line to food safety. He further explained veterinarians have to be available twenty four hours a day, carry vaccines, and provide consults.

**Bob Naerebout**, Idaho Cattlemen's Association, spoke **in support of S 1380**, and noted Idaho's shortage of large animal veterinarians is a continual problem.

**MOTION:**        **Rep. McCann** made a motion to send **S 1380** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Due to time constraints, **S 1380** will be carried over to the meeting of March 23, 2022, upon adjournment.

**ADJOURN:**        There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #2**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**10:00 a.m. or upon adjournment**  
**Room EW42**  
**Wednesday, March 23, 2022**

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:  
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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">S 1380</a>	RURAL VETERINARIANS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM - Adds to existing law to establish a loan repayment program for rural veterinarians who treat large animals.	Senator Stennett Senator Harris

***Public Testimony Will Be Taken by Registering Through the Following Link:***  
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***If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.***

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Rep Boyle  
Rep Kerby  
Rep Giddings  
Rep Marshall  
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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022

**TIME:** 8:30 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m.

**S 1380:** **Chairman Kauffman** returned **S 1380** to the committee for consideration, a continuation of the meeting of March 22, 2022.

**Braden Jensen**, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation; **Jennifer Glass**, veterinarian, West End Vet Clinic; **Patxi Larrocea-Phillips**, Idaho Wool Growers Association; and **Dr. Wayne Cutler** spoke in support of **S 1380** and efforts to support students to practice in the state of Idaho. They remarked how vital this bill is to get and keep veterinarians. The loan debt is large and challenging to pay off, and large animal medicine doesn't have the same payoff as small animal medicine.

**Sen. Stennett** spoke in response to committee questions saying veterinarian graduates receive an average of eighteen offers for employment. She clarified the definition of rural as any county that contains less than 25,000 residences; less than 20 persons per square mile, and typically under 10,000 residents.

**MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to send **S 1380** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**ROLL CALL  
VOTE:** **Rep. Ruchti** requested a roll call vote on **S1380**. **Motion failed by a vote of 6 AYE and 8 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Kauffman, Kerby, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, and Mathias. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Andrus, Boyle, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, and Moon.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Thursday, March 24, 2022**

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
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Approval of Minutes

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 24, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 p.m. or upon adjournment

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep.(s) Giddings, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, Ruchti

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**MOTION:** **Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 22 and March 23, 2022. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
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